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SUBJECT: AUGUST 13 INCIDENT IN SOUTH CORRIDOR

REF: USBERLIN 1643

1. FOLLOWING IS AGREED TEXT ALLIED RESPONSE TO TWO SOVIET

HOLDING STATEMENTS MADE IN BASC AUGUST 14. RESPONSE

BEING DELIVERED AT 10:00 AUGUST 18. BEGIN TEXT:

AS REGARDS YOUR ORAL STATEMENT OF AUGUST 14, 1975, I AM

AUTHORIZED TO STATE THE FOLLOWING:

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THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES WELCOME THE SOVIET SUTHORITIES

EXPRESSED INTEREST IN IMPROVING FLIGHT SAFETY. THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES RECOGNIZE THAT MINOR HUMAN ERRORS DO OCCUR IN THE BASC CONTROL ROOM, BOTH ON THE ALLIED AND THE SOVIET SIDE, BUT WISH TO POINT OUT THAT THE GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WHICH PRESENTLY EXIST AMONG THE FOUR BASC ELEMENTS ARE BETTER SERVED BY NOT RAISING THESE MINOR MATTERS TO THE FORMAL LEVEL OF AN ORAL STATEMENT WHEN, AS ON THE RARE OCCASIONS WHEN SUCH ERRORS HAVE OCCURRED IN THE PAST, THE FOUR ELEMENTS ARE ABLE TO RESOLVE THE SITUATION IN A FRIENDLY, INFORMAL WAY.

AS THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES HAVE PREVIOUSLY MADE CLEAR, THERE ARE ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES IN BASC FOR DETERMINING THE IDENTITY OF AIRCRAFT FLYING IN THE CORRIDORS AND INVESTIGATORY FLIGHTS BY SOVIET INTERCEPTORS ARE NOT NECESSARY. MOREOVER, INVESTIGATORY FLIGHTS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED BY EXISTING AGREEMENTS AND THOSE FLIGHTS WHICH HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED IN A MANNER WHICH VIOLATES QUADRIPARTITELY-AGREED RULES OF FLIGHT.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THE ERROR REPORTED IN THE SECOND SOVIET STATEMENT, BUT MY AUTHORITIES DO NOT SEE A CONNECTION BETWEEN IT AND THE NEAR-MISS INCIDENTS OF JULY 25 AND AUGUST 13, ON WHICH THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES ARE STILL AWAITING A SOVIET REPLY.

THE FRENCH AND BRITISH CHIEF CONTROLLERS ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH THE STATEMENT.

2. USCOB CONCURS.

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